

REMARKS

The following statements were made in the Advisory Action mailed on December 15, 2006, "The request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance because the applicant has not response to the Final office action date 8/14/06 using other references. Stobie reference was not used in the Final office action 8/14/06."

The Applicant's representative, Kathryn V. Chelini, spoke with the Examiner on December 19, 2006. Upon further review of the Final office action of 8/14/06, the Applicant's representative and the Examiner agreed that the Stobie reference was cited in the Final Office Action of 8/14/06, and that the Amendment and Remarks filed by the Applicant on November 9, 2006 addressed the Stobie reference. The Examiner agreed to reconsider the Amendments and Remarks filed by the Applicant on November 9, 2006. The Examiner further requested that the Applicant's representative file this Response to document their conversation.

As such, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance based on the Amendments and Remarks made in the November 9, 2006 Response. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time and effort.

If for any reason this Response is found incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance the prosecution, please telephone the

undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, at 508-898-1501.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Dingman", written over a horizontal line.

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